

TITLE IV-E

**January 22, 2009
Holiday Inn-South
Lansing, MI**

**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Registration beginning at 10:30 a.m.)**



State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services

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**Department of Human Services
Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice (GTF)**

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Title IV-E is a federal statute that provides the main source of funding for foster care placements in the state of Michigan. The Department of Human Services contracts with the federal government to receive this funding for cases that meet the criteria that has been established by the federal government.

Individuals involved in Child Welfare Proceedings must work within the framework of “Title IV-E” Requirements. Understanding the requirements for court orders, DHS eligibility, and how LGALs appeal denials of Title IV-E funding is important in advocating for children and families in our communities.

This training takes a closer look at court orders regarding contrary to the welfare findings, reasonable efforts and permanency planning. Court orders that comply with the IV-E statute are essential for helping DHS meet Title IV-E eligibility requirements. There are several eligibility requirements that must be determined before DHS can use Title IV-E dollars to fund a family’s case. Understanding the eligibility requirements helps ensure that DHS has access to the information necessary for families to qualify to receive Title IV-E funding. The denial of IV-E funding can have effects on the services that will be available for the child and their family.

This half day training will address contrary to the welfare findings, reasonable efforts findings, permanency planning findings, eligibility requirements and the appeals process. County stakeholders will be asked to sit together to meet their court and DHS IV-E contact people to facilitate communication between stakeholders.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Judges and referees
Court administrators
Court clerks
Court staff designated as Title IV-E contacts
DHS managers
DHS funding specialists
DHS funding specialists supervisors
Prosecutors/Assistant Attorney General
Lawyer-Guardian Ad Litem and parents attorneys
Administrative law judges
Tribal court judges
Tribal court staff
Tribal court social services directors

TENTATIVE AGENDA

10:30-11:00 a.m.	Registration
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Welcome and Overview
11:15-12:15 p.m.	Court Orders: Contrary to the Welfare and Reasonable Efforts Findings
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Title IV-E Eligibility Requirements
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Title IV-E Appeals

REGISTRATION AND TRAINING COSTS

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION COST TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING. The cost of this training is generously funded by the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice. All training materials and lunch are provided. However, the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice has generously agreed to reimburse mileage, meals and lodging expenses for DHS, private agency and tribal caseworkers. See DHS announcements for specific reimbursement information and requirements. For further information, or if you have questions, please contact Erika Engel at (517) 241-6131 or by e-mail at EngelE2@michigan.gov

A confirmation notice will be sent to you electronically. ***Due to space limitations, restrictions have been placed on the number of individuals per agency or discipline who may attend this conference. All registrants will receive notice of whether they have been confirmed to attend.*** If you do not receive a confirmation notice, or to obtain further information, contact Patrick Hale at 517-373-5234 or e-mail him at HaleP@courts.mi.gov

Please return your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire portion of the conference for which you register. If you must cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this conference, please contact Patrick Hale as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Registrations may be transferred to another individual with prior notice to Patrick Hale. Please note that onsite registration is not available.

Fill out and return the completed Conference Registration form no later than: January 8, 2009.

TRAVEL AND LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn-South/Convention Center in Lansing through Monday, December 22, 2008.

Please Note: You are responsible for your overnight expenses; however, a special rate of \$65.00 for a single occupancy and \$85.00 for a double occupancy has been negotiated. To make your reservation, contact the Holiday Inn-South/Convention Center directly at 517- 694-8123. When making your reservation, please be sure to specify that you are attending the State Court Administrative Office-Child Welfare Services training to ensure that you receive our special reduced rate.

GETTING THERE

The Holiday Inn-South/Convention Center is located 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI, 48911. Directions can be found by going to the following websites:

Hotel site: <http://www.hislansing.com/guest.html> MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

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TRAINING REGISTRATION

(Please print or type legibly as this information will be used for your name tag.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency-Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

E-mail: _____ (Confirmation will be sent by e-mail only.)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Special Needs: _____

Return Completed Registration by January 8, 2009, to:

SCAO-CWS
PO Box 30048
Lansing, MI 48909
Fax: 517-373-8922

For further information, or if you require handicap access to facilities or special assistance at the program, please contact Patrick Hale at 517-373-5234 or e-mail him at HaleP@courts.mi.gov. Space is limited, so please return your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend. If you must cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Mr. Hale as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Registration may be transferred to another individual with prior confirmation from Mr. Hale. **Onsite registration is not available.** Subject to space limitations, we will attempt to accommodate late registrants up to two weeks before the training dates.